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TO AMEMBASSY SAIGON  
INFO ALL EAST ASIAN AND PACIFIC DIPLOMATIC POSTS  
AMCONSUL BIEN HOA  
AMCONSUL CAN THO  
AMCONSUL DANANG  
AMCONSUL HONG KONG  
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1. GVN SPOKESMAN SAYS POW EXCHANGE RESUMES WITH  
GROUP OF 72 FREED BY SAIGON, SENT TO VC HQ AT  
LOC NINH VIA CHOPPER. VC SCHEDULED RELEASE FIRST  
GROUP FROM POW CAMPS FEB. 12 (WP). TOTAL OF  
200 SCHEDULED TO BE FREED BY GVN TODAY (REUTER,  
SAIGON).

2. ARVN COMMAND REPORTS WORST TERRORIST INCIDENT  
SINCE C-F. TRAIN WRECKED BY MINE BETWEEN DA  
NANG AND HUE WITH 9 CIVILIANS KILLED, 24 CIVILIANS  
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AND 2 SOLDIERS WOUNDED (AP, NYT; UPI).

3. FANK COMMAND SAYS GKR TROOPS MAKE GAINS ON  
BOTH BANKS OF BASSAC ON SE PP OUTSKIRTS, KILL

50 REBELS, REGAIN TWO STRATEGIC POSITIONS THOUGH HEAVY REBEL CONCENTRATION REMAINS IN AREA (WP; AP, NYT; UPI). WESTERN MILITARY OBSERVERS IN PP BELIEVE REBELS PREPARING 2-FRONT ASSAULT ON PP FROM NORTH AND SOUTH, BUT "JUST HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO GET IT ALL TOGETHER," POSSIBLY BECAUSE OF LACK OF PLANNING, COMMUNICATIONS AND SUPPLIES (UPI).

#### THAILAND

4. THAI COURT FINES 6 US TEEN-AGERS 50 DOLS EACH, GIVES THEM 3-MONTH SUSPENDED JAIL SENTENCES FOR COMMITTING SACRILEGE BY CLIMBING BUDDHA STATUE (WP).

5. DAWEE ARRIVES IN PEKING FOR WEEK-LONG STAY; FIRST THAI OFFICIAL OF MINISTERIAL RANK TO VISIT PRC (AFP, NYT).

#### KOREA

6. SK COURT-MARTIAL SENTENCES 6 PROTESTANT MINISTERS TO IMPRISONMENT FOR VIOLATING PARK DECREE BANNING CRITICISM OF CONSTITUTION; 4 RECEIVE 15-YEAR TERMS, 2 DRAW 10-YEARS (NYT). WP'S OBERDORFER, IN SEOUL, NOTES MILITARY JUDGES DECLARED LONG PRISON TERMS WERE NECESSARY TO "PROTECT THE MAJORITY OF CHURCH PEOPLE WHO ARE LIVING A VIRTUOUS LIFE"; BUT SOME CHRISTIAN LEADERS PREDICT HEAVY SENTENCES WILL TEND TO UNITE MANY ELEMENTS AGAINST GOVT. STAND.

7. RELIGIOUS NEWS SERVICE REPORTS OPINION OF US MISSIONARY DR. POITRAS THAT SEGMENT OF SK CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY APPEARS ON "COLLISION COURSE" WITH GOVT., FOR SITUATION "HAS GOTTEN DOWN TO THE BASIC ISSUE OF HUMAN RIGHTS." CONTENTS ROKG REGARDS JAN. ARREST OF 10 CLERGYMEN AS "TESTING" HOW CHURCHES WILL RESPOND TO SUCH ACTION, WHILE CHURCHES ARE INTERESTED IN HOW FAR GOVT. WILL UNCLASSIFIED

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GO (WP).

#### PHILIPPINES

8. MOSLEM REBELS KILL AT LEAST 25 PERSONS IN CENTRAL MINDANAO TOWN OF PIKIT, IN LARGEST SINGLE TOLL THERE SINCE FIGHTING BEGAN IN '72 (CHITRIB, LAT, WP).

#### DIEGO GARCIA

9. INDIRA GANDHI ACCUSES US AND BRITAIN OF PLANNING TO DEVELOP NUCLEAR BASE ON DG, THUS ADDING TO INDIA'S "EXTERNAL DANGERS" (WP).

SEA OIL DEPOSITS

10. REUTER'S HAYES REPORTS MOBIL, EXXON, SHELL AND SUNNINGDALE OF CANADA ARE ABOUT TO DRILL IN S. VIETNAMESE CONTINENTAL SHELF, BELIEVED BY SOME EXPERTS TO CONTAIN

SOME OF WORLD'S LARGEST UNTAPPED OIL DEPOSITS. ALTHOUGH OIL FIRMS INVOLVED DESCRIBE THEIR DRILLING OPERATIONS IN AREA AS SPECULATIVE, "THEY ARE VIRTUALLY ASSURED" RICH STRIKE THERE, SAYS HAYES. SPRATLYS COULD BE OF GREAT STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE IF MAJOR OIL DISCOVERIES ARE MADE. OIL-GRAM NEWS SERVICE MAPS SHOW THAT SINCE 1970, ALL OF WORLD'S MAJOR OIL COMPANIES HAVE HELD CONCESSIONS IN ASIA. APART FROM SEA DEPOSITS, MOST COVETED AREA IS LARGE SEDIMENTARY BASIN IN E. CHINA SEA NW OF TAIWAN. IN 1971, CHINA ATTEMPTED ASSERT SOVEREIGNTY OVER SENKAKUS; AND SINCE THEN, ACCORDING JAPAN EMBASSY SOURCE, TANAKA HAS DISCUSSED SENKAKUS WITH PRC, AND "IT IS OUR IMPRESSION THAT CHINA SAID WE COULD HAVE THE ISLANDS." ACCORDING DR. EMERY, OF MASS. WOODS HOLE OCEANOGRAPHIC INSTITUTE, ASIAN COASTAL AREA IS EQUAL POTENTIAL TO WORLD'S OTHER MAJOR PETROLEUM CENTERS IN ME, VENEZUELA AND US GULF COAST. EMERY SAYS COPIES OF ECAFE SURVEY AND REPORT WERE DISTRIBUTED BY AID TO ALL DOS OFFICES; NEVERTHELESS, DOS HAS CONTINUED SINCE 1971 TO DENY KNOWLEDGE OF ANY POTENTIAL SEA OIL DEPOSITS. HAYES UNCLASSIFIED

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RECALLS THAT AT THAT TIME SFRC WAS INVESTIGATING CHARGES BY CALIF. WOMEN'S ANTI-WAR GROUP THAT OIL WAS DETERMINING FACTOR IN US SEA MILITARY POLICY.

COMMENT ANALYSIS

11. NYT'S LELYVELD IN HK REPORTS THAT CHINESE INTELLECTUALS BEING CALLED ON TO "MAKE CONSCIENTIOUS EFFORTS TO TRANSFORM THEIR WORLD OUTLOOK" BY TAKING PART IN MASS ANTI-CONFUCIUS CAMPAIGN, ARE ALSO BEING ASSURED MOVEMENT WILL DEAL GENTLY WITH THEM LONG AS THEY STAY IN STEP. SAYS ASSURANCES ARE NECESSARY, SINCE IN BILLING NEW MOVEMENT AS RENEWAL AND FULFILLMENT OF GPCR, ITS PROMOTERS INEVITABLY REVIVE PAINFUL MEMORIES OF 1966 "STRUGGLES" AGAINST "BOURGEOIS ACADEMIC AUTHORITIES." NOW, INTELLECTUALS BEING TOLD REPUDIATION OF CONFUCIUS CAN BE JOYFUL EXPERIENCE. CITES CASE OF FENG YU-LAN, PEKING U PHILOSOPHY PROF, WHO USED TO ARGUE SOCIALISM WAS APPROPRIATE SYSTEM FOR CHINA PRECISELY BECAUSE IT PRESERVED CONFUCIAN IDEAL OF HARMONY. LAST WEEK, IN LATEST OF THREE RECENT ARTICLES WRITTEN IN REPUDIATION OF CONFUCIUS,

FENG ACKNOWLEDGED HIS FIRST REACTION TO NEW CAMPAIGN WAS NERVOUSNESS. WRITING IN PEKING'S KUANGMING JIH PAO, FENG SAID: "AT FIRST I THOUGHT IT WAS A DISASTER, BUT LATER I FOUND THAT IT WAS REALLY HAPPINESS."

REMEMBERING HE HAS BEEN BUTT OF CRITICISM IN EVERY MAJOR DRIVE TO GET CHINESE INTELLECTUALS TO REMOLD THEIR THINKING SINCE 1957, FENG SAID HIS FEARS THAT HE WOULD AGAIN BE "A TARGET OF THE REVOLUTION" PROVED BASELESS; INSTEAD, HE FOUND "GREAT JOY" IN JOINING PEASANTS AND WORKERS TO REPUDIATE CONFUCIAN THOUGHT. LELYVELD NOTES CONFUCIAN VIEW OF LIFE HAS ALWAYS HELD THAT ONE'S WORTH IS DETERMINED BY BREADTH OF HIS EDUCATION, NOT HIS CLASS ORIGINS. NOW, FENG FINDS IT POSSIBLE TO AGREE THAT CLASS ORIGINS DO COUNT, THAT UNSOPHISTICATED WORKERS CAN GRASP PHILOSOPHICAL ISSUES BETTER THAN PHILOSOPHY PROFS. LOGICAL FOLLOW-ON TO NOTION FOSTERED BY MOVEMENT THAT IT IS WRONG TO TAKE MAN'S EDUCATION AS MEASURE OF HIS WORTH, UNCLASSIFIED

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IS THAT IT IS DOUBLY WRONG TO SEEK EDUCATION IN ORDER TO GET AHEAD IN LIFE. LELYVELD SAYS THIS ATTITUDE ESPECIALLY SEEMS TO INFECT CCP MEMBERS, CITING CHINESE PRESS DISCUSSION OF CASE OF COMMUNIST MARTYR'S GRANDSON, WHO HAD NOT BEEN SELECTED BY MASSES TO ENTER NANKING U, BUT BRAZENLY "USED HIS FATHER'S INFLUENCE TO GET INTO COLLEGE." LELYVELD ALSO REPORTS PEOPLE'S DAILY IS CONTINUING TO ACCUSE ANTONIONI OF "DECEPTION AND FORGERY" TO "SMEAR" CHINESE REVOLUTION. OBSERVES THAT IN KEEPING WITH "PROLETARIAN" CHARACTER OF CAMPAIGN, ARTICLES APPEARING THEREIN WERE ATTRIBUTED TO OUTRAGED WORKERS, PEASANTS AND SOLDIERS. NOTES THAT NONE IDENTIFIED AS AUTHORS OF ARTICLES COULD HAVE SEEN ANTONIONI DOCUMENTARY, WHICH WAS NEVER SHOWN TO CHINESE PUBLIC; BUT ALL OFFERED FIRST-HAND RECOLLECTIONS TO BOLSTER THEIR CHARGE THAT ANTONIONI CONSTANTLY POINTED HIS CAMERAS AWAY FROM SCENES THAT WOULD HAVE SHOWN VIGOR AND PROGRESS IN ORDER TO EVOKE FALSE IMPRESSION OF GRIMNESS AND DESPAIR. LELYVELD REPORTS ANALYSTS SEE ATTACKS ON ANTONIONI AS IMPLICIT DENUNCIATION OF OFFICIALS WHO FOSTERED MORE RELAXED VIEW OF RELATIONS WITH FOREIGNERS.

12. WP'S GREENWAY IN HK NOTES CONTINUING INTENSIFICATION OF CAMPAIGN TO CRITICIZE CONFUCIUS AND LIN PIAO THROUGHOUT CHINA. EXTENT OF MASS POLITICAL MOBILIZATION PROMPTS DIPLOMAT TO COMMENT, "IT'S A WONDER THERE IS ANY WORK BEING DONE AT ALL." CRIMES OF CONFUCIUS AND LIN ARE LINKED IN THAT BOTH DESIRED RESTORE OLD ORDER; CONFUCIUS WANTED RESTORE TO POWER SLAVE-

OWNING CLASS THAT HAD BEEN RIGHTFULLY OVERTHROWN  
AND LIN WANTED TO RESTORE CAPITALISM. GREENWAY

REPORTS WORD FROM PEKING IS THAT OLD CHINA HAND,  
OWEN LATTIMORE, JOINING BEETHOVEN, SCHUBERT, ANTONIONI  
AND "JONATHAN LIVINGSTON SEAGULL" AS "FOREIGN THINGS"  
TO BE CRITICIZED EITHER FOR THEIR BOURGEOIS DECADENCE  
OR ANTICHINESE SENTIMENTS. INVITED TO CHINA BY  
CHOU ONLY TWO YEARS AGO, LATTIMORE NOW BRANDED AS  
"REACTIONARY HISTORIAN" AND "INTERNATIONAL SPY,"  
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HIS CRIME BEING, IT SEEMS, WRITING 1935 BOOK DESCRIBING  
CONFUCIUS AS ENLIGHTENED PHILOSOPHER. GREENWAY  
SAYS SO LITTLE KNOWN ABOUT CHINESE LEADERSHIP THAT  
NO HK ANALYST WISHES TO PREDICT MAO'S INTENTIONS  
IN CAMPAIGN; NOT CLEAR WHETHER CAMPAIGN'S OBJECT  
IS TO OVERTHROW PARTY, AS WAS CASE DURING GPCR.  
SEES MANY CONSTRAINTS ON CHINA NOT TO LET PRESENT  
CAMPAIGN DEGENERATE INTO DISORDER AS DID GPCR.

13. IN CONTEXT CURRENT PRC ANTI-CONFUCIUS CAMPAIGN,  
LAT'S ELEGANT IN HK SAYS MAO AND CONFUCIAN SCHOOLS  
OF THOUGHT ARE NOT ONLY ANTAGONISTIC PHILOSOPHIES,  
BUT DIFFER RADICALLY IN THEIR VIEWS OF EVERYDAY  
LIFE, WITH WHICH BOTH ARE INTIMATELY CONCERNED.  
GREAT INNOVATOR MAO OPPOSES GREAT CONSERVATIVE CONFUCIUS.  
CONSIDERS AS PARADOX OF ANTI-CONFUCIUS CAMPAIGN  
FACT THAT PRC IS GIVING ENORMOUS PUBLICITY TO NAME  
AND PHILOSOPHY THAT COULD CONCEIVABLY OTHERWISE  
DRIFT INTO OBSCURITY. CITES CHINESE SPECIALIST  
THAT THIS YEAR, IF PEOPLE HAD THEIR WAY, CHINA'S  
BEST SELLER WOULDN'T BE LITTLE RED BOOK OF MAO'S  
WORKS, BUT SAYINGS OF CONFUCIUS. IN REPLY TO RHETORICAL  
QUESTION WHY, THEN, ARE BOTH RADICALS AND MODERATES  
IN CHINA TAKING RISK OF NURTURING POPULAR KNOWLEDGE  
OF AND REGARD FOR THEIR COMMON OPPONENT, ELEGANT  
SAYS THEY AGREE TOTALLY IN OPPOSING GREAT EXPONENT  
OF CONSERVATISM. BESIDES, ONLY EXTREMISTS STARTED  
ANTI-CONFUCIUS CAMPAIGN; MODERATES' BEST STRATEGY  
WAS STEALING THEIR THUNDER. CONFUCIUS MUST BE DENOUNCED  
BY ALL COMMUNISTS, REGARDLESS OF THEIR OWN DISAGREEMENTS.  
MODERATES ABHOR NOT ONLY MOST OF NOW-INGRAINED CUSTOMS  
CONFUCIUS TAUGHT, BUT ALSO HIS ADVOCACY OF FEUDALISM  
AND DECENTRALIZED POWER. RADICALS NOT ONLY OBJECT  
TO HIS MORAL DOCTRINES, BUT ARE ALSO OPPOSED TO  
CENTRALIZED POWER, POLITICAL CONCEPT CONFUCIUS'  
FOLLOWERS DEVELOPED.

14. CHITRIB'S DON KIRK IN TOKYO REPORTS THAT WHILE  
MOST JAPANESE VIEW EXPLOITS OF JAPANESE RADICALS  
OVERSEAS WITH EMBARRASSMENT AND DISTASTE, UNDERGROUND

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RED ARMY PERSISTS IN SIMMERING, LONG-ANGE PROPAGANDA  
CAMPAIGN AIMED AT WHIPPING UP NATIONAL SENTIMENT  
FOR ITS CAUSE, WHICH HAS LOST ALMOST ALL POPULAR  
SUPPORT AT HOME. KISSINGER

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